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COMPONENTS OF  
VEGETABLE OILS FOR  
PREPARING A FOOD  
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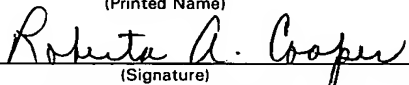
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is a Preliminary Amendment and Remarks that accompany a transmittal for a continuation application. The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this document.